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THE NRO STAFF

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MEMORANDUM FOR REAR ADMIRAL SHOWERS, DIA

SUBJECT: NRP Information

I have directed my staff to review the specific guidelines governing the dissemination and classification of NRP data. As a result of their initial findings and your letter of May 13, 1970, I am seriously considering several recommendations to expedite the flow of required compartmented information from the NRO to organizations under the cognizance of DIA. We have already implemented procedures to provide SIGINT mission descriptions at the TALENT-KEYHOLE level rather than [redacted] enable, on a "must know" basis, dissemination of this [redacted] data for exploitation and product planning purposes without requiring [redacted] access. Actions are also underway to convert SIGINT processing procedures from [redacted] to TALENT-KEYHOLE to align this function with the needs of the community.

At this point, we suspect that there are other areas where additional information at the controlled TALENT-KEYHOLE level rather than [redacted] would be of great value. While the basic principles separating the [redacted] and TALENT-KEYHOLE systems are quite specific, there [redacted] areas where information may be handled in either system if strict "must know" procedures are used. Where these options are possible, we will attempt to provide security classification most appropriate to your needs. Toward that end, my Staff will examine the possibilities of preparing a comprehensive guide to set forth more explicit security control procedures governing various types of NRP information. We would appreciate your naming a DIA contact with whom we may consider and discuss such a guide, its format and content.

I would appreciate your comments as soon as possible in order to complete this action by July 1, 1970.

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